HIS EARLY POLITICAL LIFE VARIED BY FRE-QUENT INSURRECTION AND HIS LATER YEARS BY LITIGATION-NOW NINETY-ONE YEARS OLD-A MOVEMENT TO

RAISE A FUND FOR HIM. Los Angeles, March 21 .- The proneness of the American people to hero worship, or rather to indiscriminating hero-worship, sometimes results in the placing of the ridiculous on a pedestal. Such appears to be the result of the movement recently started in Southern California to raise a fund for ex-Governor Pio Pico. This old gentlepan-he is now ninety-one-has a curious record, but not one which entitles him to pose as a great men or as a present worthy one. He is unique in being the sele survivor of the bureacracy of Mexican California. Of all the gobernados, vocals, alcaldes, commandantes and the like of the pastoral age of this State he alone femains.

Governor Pico, since the purchase of California, has lived quietly, but not at peace, for he has been a persistent litigant. The recent agitation spoken of above to raise funds for the old man was stated by the decision of the State Supreme Court in the case of Pico against Cohn, which was against the plaintiff, and which, it was supposed, deprived him of the last of his real property. However, his lawyers have succeeded in securing is rehearing, and again he has the possibility of winning. The case has been in the courts for about seven years; it involves the title to the Pice House, which visitors to Los Angeles of twelve or fifteen years ago will remember as hotel, modelled on the typical Mexican casa, and a large amount of other property, probably worth now \$500,000. When the decision of the court was published, some sentimentalists immedistely attempted to awaken public sympathy for the old man, on the plea that he was a pauper, but the fact is that his nephews, Don Marco and Don Juan Forster, of San Juan Capisteomo, make him a liberal monthly allowance, and care for him in many ways, though in the course of his litigatious career the old Governor tried his best to dispossess his nephews of their estates.

With all respect for his years and the honors he has achieved, it is not doing Don Pio any injustice to say that he has lived a crafty life, that his last official acts were so indiscreet as to border on the unscrupulous, and that he cordially hated the Americans as long as it was safe for him to indulge in that fancy.

His career is of considerable interest. I have lately investigated it, and through the assistance of B. A. Cecil Stevens, the secretary of the Southern California Historical Society, I have obtained some facts not heretofore generally known. He came into the world on May 5, 1801.

father was a presidial sergeant at the Mission of San Gabriel, where Pio made his appearance. The old church at San Goduil, which so many tourists gaze at as an antiquity, was only completed when Pio was three years old; and as soon as he was old enough, he served in it as an acolyte until he was twelve years old, when he went to San Diego to attend a school there. He remained a student until he was eighteen, but the only notable ineldent recorded about him in that time is the statement that at sixteen he won twelve mules at a game of monte from Father Antonio Menendez, the priest at San Diego, and was ever after regarded as an accomplished gamester.

Another incident occurred worthy of note. After he left school he opened a store at San Diego, and in 1828 began his political career by being elected senior vocal of the diputacion, a body somewhat corresponding to the American supervisors. This same year he did offe American a good turn which should be set down to his credit. Henry Fitch was the first American in San Diego. Re was a blithe young Yankee, and he found favor in the no one to receive it. black eyes of Senorita Josefa Carrillo, a niece of Don Pios. Governor Echenndia, who had his headquarters at San Diego, was also enamored of Senorita Josefa, but the Yankee distanced the Governor, and the day for his wedding was set, after he had consented to become a son of the Church. So Josefa and Henry hied them to the church, the crambling walls of which are always Town on his way to San Diego. Padre Menendez, the same who lost the twelve mules to Pie en a poor hand at Monte, had just begun the ceremony when a clatter of sabres and pit-a-pat of horses heofs were heard, and a detachment of the Governor's guard entered the church and on the part of Echeandia forbade the conclusion of the rite. There was consternation, and Fitch was, in the parlance of the day, "knocked out."

What shall I do?" he whispered to Josefa. "Why don't you carry me off, Don Enrique?"

she coyly answered.

Don Pio, who seems to have always been opposed to the Government, came to the rescue of the unhappy lovers. There was a ship in the harbor about to clear for Chili. He arranged all the details, and in the dead of night he rowed Fitch and Josefa with his own hands out to the ship and saw her safely stand out around Point Loma with her happy passengers. In a year's time Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, with a lusty little son, sailed back into San

saloon business. It has become a matter of tradition that in these days there was none or few glass drinking-vessels, and that Pico's bar was supplied with cups made of ox horns-the regular orthodox drinking horn. Tradition also has it that these horns of Pico's were furnished with false bottoms, which prevented them from holding much liquor. At any rate, the young politician, as has often been the case since, acquired both wealth and influence while engaged in dealing out pulque and mescal, for in the same year he presided over the diputacion, and it passed the law secularizing all the wealthy missions in the province, and their treasures were quickly lost sight of, for their property passed into the hands of the administration, and that was the end of all the money, corn, cattle and wine the hardworking padres and the harder working converts, the

Indians, had accumulated. The next year Governor Echeandia was succeeded by Manuel Victoria, a negro half-breed, who at once refused to convoke the diputacion and determined to rule California all by himself. This led to a revolt, and Pico issued a manifesto, and after prolonged fighting, in which two soldiers were killed, Victoria surrendered on condition of being allowed to return to Mexico, and Pico as president of the diputacion, was entitled to act as Governor until an accredited one arrived from Mexico, and on January 10, 1832, he took the oath of office. But ex-Governor Echeandia protested, and as the latter had a strong following,

Don Pio prudently declined to hold the office.

From this time up to 1845 Don Pio spent his time more or less as a conspirator or as an official. There were a dozen or so governors, all of whom had troubled terms of office. The feud which even now exists broke out between the North and the South, and Monterey and Los Angeles were rivals in the contest for the location of the capital. At last the Southerners broke away, and on February 14, 1845, an assembly called by Pico met and in a few days declared that wily Don Governor. He immediately organized a force to withstand Governor Micheltorena. Both sides had some ericans in their forces armed with the deadly Americans in their forces armed with the deadly Kentucky rifle, but these Gringoes did not wage much war. Micheltorena had three small field pieces and Pico's force two, and these little machines were set to work before the two forces came into range, with the result that neither advanced any further. Pico managed to have a conference with the Americans who were on his rival's side, and he succeeded by promises of land grants and other persuasions in getting them to withdraw from the field. Sutter, who was with Micheltorena, allowed himself to be captured and the fight began again. The result was that four

horses, which did not know any better than to stray within range of the cannon, were killed, and Micheltorena surrendered on agreement that he should be permitted to return to Mexico, and on February 23 Pico settled himself comfortably in the Gubernatorial chair, prociaimed peace and made Los Angeles the capital.

Meanwhile the Yankess continued to pour into California over the Rocky Meuntains, and Don Pico saw that unless their coming was checked the rule of Mexico was doomed. In May, 1846, he addressed the Department Assembly in a speech which in the light of after events is full of naive pathos.

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"We find ourselves threatened by hordes of Yankee immigrants," he said, "who have already begun to flock into our country, and whose progress we cannot arrest. Already have the wagons of that perfidious people scaled the almost inaccesible summits of the Sierra Nevadas, crossed the entire continent, and penetrated the fruitful valley of the Sacramento. What that astonishing people will next undertake I cannot say, but in whatever enterprise they embark they will surely be successful. Already these adventurous voyagers, spreading themselves far and wide over a country which seems to suit their tastes, are cultivating farms, establishing vineyards, erecting sawmills, sawing lumber and doing a thousand things which seem natural to them."

Pico wanted to seek refuge under the Union Jack, and turn the country over to England. General Vallejo answered this speech by a ringing oration, which ended as follows: "Look not, therefore, with jealousy upon the hardy pioneers who scale our mountains and cultivate our plains, but rather welcome them as brothers who come to share with us a common destiny."

In August, 1846, Don Pico made his last official bow and announced "that between 1g-nominy and emigration he chose the latter," and mounting his horse between two days he rode away from Los Angeles, dodged Fremont on his way north from San Diego, and went into hiding on the Santa Margarita ranche, in the house of Don Jnan Forster. On August 11 Commodore Stockton and Fremont entered Los Angeles and ralsed the Stars and Stripes over the Government House. When Don Pico saw that the Gringees were not butchered in 1848 he returned. For a while he did some little alleged official acts, and on good authority, it is said, issued a number of

while he did some little alleged official acts, and on good authority, it is said, issued a number of land grants, antedating them. A fair idea of the old gentleman's character may be had from the following example of one occasion when he dropped into poetry on the subject of two of the commandments:

Ni en el sexto no hay perdon, Ni en el setimo rebora. Bien puede nuestros, senor, Llemai el ciclo de paya. This has been rendered for me as follows: If breaches of law sixth be not fergiven, Or if for lapses in the seventh law There be no grace—why, then let Heaven Our Lord lill up at will with so much straw.

UPHOLDING THE TWO RECTORS THE REV. DR. DONALD ON THE PROTEST.

HE TELLS HIS CONGREGATION THAT HE THINKS

IT WILL COME TO NAUGHT.

The Rev. Dr. E. Winchester Donald, rector of the Church of the Ascension, is one of those who refused to sign the protest against the action of the Rev. Drs. B. Heber Newton and W. S. Rainsford in inviting non-Episcopal clergymen to preach in their pulpits. Dr. Donald was one of the Episcopal ministers who took part in the installation of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, the other being the Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, who seems likely to be made Bishop of Massachusetts. Dr. Donald yesterday morning explained to his congregation his reason for not joining in the condemnation of the alleged uncanonical practices of the two clergymen. He took for his text part of I Corinthians 10:23. "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient." His position was that the action of Drs. Newton and Rainsford was lawful, although in view of the disturbance it caused in the Church, it was inexpedient. He preached without notes, and

"The disturbance in the Church in this diocese is well known to the members of this parish, and it is my purpose to speak of its causes and the real circumstances attending it. I fear that many of you may think that the case is worse than it really is, and that the outcome of it all will be more serious than it is in fact likely to be. The protest in my judgment is almost certain to come to naught. In the first place it is addressed to nobody, and in the second place it can be addressed to no one. There is nobody competent to receive it, and it will therefore come to nothing. It is now marked private and confidential, and it will remain so, in my judgment, because there is

"It should be plainly understood that there is no obarge of heresy against the ministers who asked persons not ordained in the Episcopal Church to preach in their churches. They simply exercised a liberty which was considered lawful by men whose services to the Church have brought thousands of souls to Christ. The sole difficulty is the character of the Christ. The sole difficulty is the churches. It is a ministry of our own and of other churches. It is a visits after adjournment.

The Germania Assembly Rooms resounded with the Germania Assembly Rooms resounded as the Germania A non-Episcopal clergymen be asked to preach in Epis copal churches. There are three orders of the min istry in our Church, bishops, priests and deacons. It s, however, the most foolish of all statements to say that all readers of the Bible and of the writings of the early centuries of the Christian era believe that these three orders have existed continuously from the time of Christ. Many men of learning declare that there is no proof that the three orders existed from the time of the apostles to the middle of the second century. Splendid scholarship in the Episcopal and Catholic churches are disagreed, and apparently hope lessly disagreed, on the question.

"The canon on the subject of the protest reads as follows: 'No minister in charge of any congregation of this Church, or in case of vacancy or absence, no church wardens, vestrymen or trustees of the gregation shall permit any person to officiate therein without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to minister in this Church.' I say in the interest of peace that it is held by eyery one that no man can be accounted a lawful minister of our Church who is not episcopally ordained. This is different from Diego harbor, and the Yankee was at once arrested on a charge of having scandalized the Church. He was found guilty, and was sentenced to San Goduil Mission with a fifty-pound bell, which he never did.

The next heard of Don Plo was in 1830, when he appeared in Los Angeles and went into the selected business. It has become a matter of tra
once arrested on a charge of having scandalized in minister of christ or of any other Church. The rubries of the prayer-book are for the direction of ministers in public worship. This is better than if each man were left to his own devices. The rubries are not lews, but directions. I can open this book to a rubrie which every mother in this Church will say ought not be read, and to another which it is physically impossible to obey. The law of the Church is based on the canons which are very explicit and are to be obeyed.

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"One hundred years ago the Church of England was not what it is now. Some of the men in it were driven out on account of some misconduct, and came to this country. They would seek places in churches here, and to keep out undestrable men the law was passed compelling every elergyman of the Church of England to show his credentials before officiating here. In the whole history of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country no one ever asked a non-Episcopal clergyman to administer the sacrament, while from the beginning men of loyalty to the Church have fivited outsiders to preach. Let us see the difference. The prophet and priest have distinct offices. The prophet's message must bear the stamp of being Christ's truth. The priest is set apart by consitutional authority to do things that no one else is allowed to do. He is to do those things which the rubrics say shall be done by the clergyman, to perform functions allied to those of the bishop, priest and deacon, and of no other one.

"I propose to obey the canon, but it does not forbid men who are not ordained from speaking, and it never has and never will. Any man who has a message from God has a right to deliver it under conditions. Now, as to the question of expediency. That is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything like a is for you to decide for yourselves. Anything l "One hundred years ago the Church of England

THE PROTEST TO BE MADE PUBLIC SOON. The article in The Tribune yesterday about the protest against the action of the Rev. Drs. R. Heber Newton and W. S. Rainsford, in having non-Episcopal clergymen preach from their pulpits, was read with much interest yesterday, as it virtually told the contents of the paper and showed that only a small part tents of the paper and shower that only a small part of the rectors of the large churches had signed it. The men who drew up the protest and circulated it for men who drew up the protest and circulated it for signature, were still unwhiling to make it public yesterday. It is, however, to be given to the newspapers as soon as it is printed, which will probably be some time this week. The chief interest now felt in religious circles about the paper is in the list of signature.

RESCUING A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

The bark Blue Bird of Windsor, Nova Scotia, while off Hatteras, on April 4, spoke the schooner A. T., of Annapolis, Nova Scotia. The latter was in a sinking condition. An unknown bark was lying by and was taking the crew of the A. T. on board.

WAS HIS SKULL CRACKED ON THE ISLAND? Joseph Bradley died at Blackwell's Island on Tues-day and his body was sent to the Morgue on Wednesday. day and his body was earl to the Morgue on Weinesday.
Yesterday Deputy Coroner Weston made an autopsy, and
found that Bradley had received a compound fracture of
the skull. The report from Blackwell's Island was that
Bradley had died from cerebral hemorrhage and concussion of the brain. To-day Coroner Schultz will in-

GRAND ARMY BUGLE NOTES.

SOME ECHOES OF THE SILVER JUBILEE

FURTHER PARTICULARS ABOUT THE CELEBRA TIONS OF MANY LOYAL POSTS.

The feature of the week in Grand Army circles was he celebration by nearly half a million comre the twenty-fifth anniversary of the day when the founder of the order, Benjamin Franklin Stephen mustered in twelve comrades at Decatur, forming Post No. 1 of the Department of Illinois. Long years before the Grand Army of the Republic became the powerful organization it is to day the patriotic soldier whose brain fashioned its framework was laid to rest by loving confreres with the ceremonies which his own ritual had ordained. It was fitting that his burialplace should be on the banks of the Sangamen, not far removed from the spot where the dust of the great leader of the "Boys in Blue," the immortal Lincoln, reposes. They sleep their last sleep together, the mar tyr-President, who called the Union armies into being, and the big-hearted comrade willo devised the way to unite in the bonds of frategnity and charity the thousands of good men and true who went forth to do battle for the honor and prosperity of their country.

Nowhere in the broad land was the sliver anniversary observed with more zeal and enthestesm than in the metropolis. Every part of New-York as well as of the neighboring cities and towns held commemorative services either independently or joining

One of the most imposing and brilliant celebration on Monday evening was that of Edwin A. Morgan Post, No. 307, which was held at the Grand Opera House. The hall was handsomely decorated with the country's colors, and the programme, which was carefully prepared under the supervision of Past Commander Alexander Newburger, was fulfiled to the letter. Vanderbilt Post, No. 136, joined with Morgan Post, and there was the additional attraction of the inauguration of Edwin D. Morgan Camp, Sons of Veterans, and the installation of its officers. Morgan Post having made its entrance in due form, Vanderbilt Post, Commander Chappell, and the newly mustered in Sons of Veterans were successively received with the usual ceremonies by Commander Charles W. Spear and his brethren of Morgan Post. The opening ode was "Auld Lang Syne," sung by post and audience with a vim which showed that all present entered into the spirit of the occasion. This was followed by an interesting introductory address by Past Commander Newberger. Adjutant Theodore W. Vandergrift read Commander in-Chief Veazey's general order instituting the day's exercises, and Quartermaster George J. Wenck, as post historian, gave an account of the origin and marvellous prosperity of the post. Installing Officer John V. B. Clarkson, Past Commander of Lafayette Camp, and staff, were duly received, and formally installed E. D.

Morgan Camp, No. 307. Sons of Veterans. Young Mr. Clarkson, who is a son of Past Department Commander Floyd Clarkson, makes an able mustering and installing officer and added much to the interest of the audience by his lively and vivacious rendering of the ritual. In closing he paid a high compliment to the "father of the camp," as its originator, Comrade New-burger, is known. The first part of the evening's exended with an address by Comrade General di Cesnola, which was replete with well-told reminiscences of the 4th New-York Cavalry in the war. Part II began with a "Bird Song" by Miss Jennie Pierce Senior Vice-Commander Richard C. Green, of Vander bilt Post, spoke of the recollections which the anniversary called up, and returned thanks on behalf of his fellow-members for the cordial hospitality shown them by the comrades of Morgan Post; Miss Sade Lowen thal sang; the son of a veteran, Master Walter Wilson, gave a violia solo; Master Will Chester Sigler sang Little Sweetheart"; and a recitation by Miss Addie

Lowenthal followed. Then Job E. Hedges, of Latayette Camp, addressed the Sons of Veterans present and bade them prepare to imitate their patriotic sires should the country need their services. A popular trio, Masters Tobias, Rich mond and May, entertained the old soldiers and their guests with war music from drum, fife and bass drum. The programme closed with "America," sung by the

The celebration of Noah L. Farnham Post, No. 658, was held at the headquarters of the Volunteer Firemen's Association, in Essex Market, Senior Vice Commander John J. Finn. presiding in the absence of Colonel Charles McK. Leoser, commander. Adjulant Martin J. Keese, read the order and circular from the National Commander, and after prayer by Chaplain Foxo, the adjutant read a history of the post. It showed that since the organization 387 comrades had been mustered in, of whom 121 have been called to join the "silent majority." The sum of \$15.000 had been spent in charity and relief. Comrade Theodore Feldstein, of Koltes Post, No. 32, and Comrado Sullivan, of Dahlgren Post, No. 113, were favored with fraternal

Koltes Post, No. 32, the big mother of the Ger man posts of New-York, held its silver anniversary exercises. Adhering to the traditions of the Father land, the comrades of Koltes enjoyed the evening' pleasure in company with their wives and children Commander Wenk presided and made the introductor; speech, after which Chaplain Betz, Adjutant Herman W. Thum and Comrades F. Irsch and Joseph Unger eloquently told about "the day we celebrate." Songs and recitations mingled with the speaking. Kauer's post band furnished the instrumental music. Nobody went home either hungry or dry.

Cameron Post, No. 79, had its quarto-centennial in Turn Hall, in East Fourth-st. It was largely attended. After prayer by Chaplain Willis, Commander Phillips entertained the comrades with a pleasant speech, in which he touched upon many facts relating to the post's history and its successful career.

The Rev. Dr. De Costa, chaplain of Sumner Post.

No. 24, was the principal orator at its celebration or Monday evening, and made an able and thoroughly patriotic address. Sumner celebrated not only the first quarter-century of the Grand Army, but its own twenty-fourth anniversary, for it is one of the oldest posts of the department. A bountiful repast was partaken of at the close of the exercises.

The observance of the silver anniversary with Reno Post, No. 44, took place at Brevoort Hall, which was filled to overflowing with comrades and guests. Commander Brickwedel presided, and after prayer by Chaplain McLean, the boys sang " Tenting on the Old Camp Ground \* with as much vim as they sang a quarter of a century ago. The orders were read by Adjutan Wassner, and the oration was delivered by Comrade Dr. Daniel Lewis, surgeon of the post. Past Commander P. S. Biglin read impressively a poem, "Our Guests Unseen." The occasion was taken advantage of by Lambert Brothers, the jewellers of Fifty-eighth-st. by Lambert Brothers, the lewellers of ringespant water-and Third-ave., to present the post an elegant water-cooler and goblet, appropriately engraved to make it a memento of the anniversary with the figures "1866— 1891" and the name of the post. More particule songs were sung, and Captain Hugh Coleman, of the 69th Regiment, made the closing address. A long time was spent over the "viands" after the meeting was dis

Mayor Chapin has been invited by the Kings County G. A. R. Memorial Committee to review the Memorial Day parade in Brooklyn on May 30. Chairman James D. Bell hopes to see the Memorial Arch dedi-

cated this year.

The Abraham Lincoln War Veterans, No. 2, will give their annual concert and reception for the benefit of the relief fund at Turn Hall, Nos. 61 and 63 Mes-

erole st., Brooklyn, to-morrow evening.

A new camp of Sons of Veterans, Cameron Camp, named after its parent organization, Cameron Post, No. 79, will be mustered in on Friday evening at No. 64 East Fourth-st.

Like the original post formed at Decatur twenty-five years ago, John A. Dix Post, No. 135, started with twelve charter members. It has grown to be one of the most prosperous and influential posts in New York. The annual dinner of the Veteran Association of the

2d N. Y. S. M. (82d New-York Volunteers) has been fixed for May 31. Arrangements will also be made for the usual summernight festival this year. At a meeting of the association held on Friday evening, Colonel John F. Pryer was elected president and William J.

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Alexander Hamilton Post, No. 182, is becoming famous for the concerts and entertainments it is giving with marked success. Its last concert was given on Thursday evening at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Madison-ave, and One-handred-and-twenty-firstst., at which Foster's New-York Stars entertained a large andence.

The Sumner Women's Relief Corps will give an entertainment this evening at Adolph Stifllinger's Hall, No. 458 Ninkh-ave. Dancing will follow.

Quartermaster-General Kenfield has removed from Oswego to Albany, and has established his effice in that of the adjutant-general at department headquarters in the old Capitol.

It has officially been announced that the Washington Soldiers' Home has been definitely located at Orting, Washington. In furnishing the buildings when completed it is expected the W. R. C. will assist in supplying the home with such articles as may be useful and necessary to the comfort of the inmates. While it is the intention of some corps to fully furnish one of more rooms as their donation to the institution, there are many young and some of the older corps which may not be able to do more than supply some useful and necessary articles, as pillows, sheets, towels and such other supplies as will readily be suggested to the members. are many young and some of the oner corps we not be able to do more than supply some uncessary articles, as pillows, sheets, towels other supplies as will readily be suggested to

It now reports 137 corps, with a membership of 4,513.

And it has expended in relief, \$4,284.77 in cash, \$2,632.19 other than money, and donated to corps \$5,809.60 for turned over to post, \$10,840.68; making a total of \$23,667.20 for last year's work.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

FOR A STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING. At Plymouth Church yesterday Dr. Lyman Abbott called attention to the forthcoming meeting of the State Association of Congressional Churches to begin in Plymouth Church on May 17. This is the first tim in years that the State Association has held its meeting in Brooklyn. It will be in season for three days and many important subjects will be under discussion. The topic of preaching among the freedmen in the South will be discussed by a Southern minister settled in the North and by a Northern minister settled in the South. Dr. Abbott also announced a series of Sunday sermons in theatres by well-known ministers under the direction of the Sunday Observance As-sociation to reach people who do not go to churches. The alm is not to have them attended by church-going people, so Dr. Abbott would not say in what theatre the first service would be held next Sunday. The preachers include Drs. Abbott, Hall, Grogg, Kendig,

preachers include Drs. Abbott, Hall, Gregg, Reddig, Mereddih and Ingersoil.

On the first Sunday in May Professor Charles H. Morse, of Minneapolis, will take charge of the music of Plymouth Church as organist and musical director, succeeding Walton N. Ellis. The quartet will be composed of new Voices; Mrs. Alice Breen, soprano; MissJosie M. Frost, contraito; Herbert Jeffrey, tenor, and George W. Fergusson, basso.

Dr. Abbott preached upon "Christ as a Church Member" last evening.

REOPENING THEIR CHURCH. The James Methodist Episcopal Church, at Reid-ave, and Monroe-st., which has been enlarged at a cost of about \$6,000, was reopened yesterday with services conducted by the pastor, the Rev. James Montgomery. When erected a few years ago, the church was a twostory structure, with the Sunday-school room under the auditorium. But the congregation and the Sundayschool both outgrew their quarters. A new Sunday school building with ample room was erected at the rear of the church and dedicated in January. Work rear of the church and dedicated in January. Work was then begun to enlarge the church, and a novel scheme was adopted. The main floor was cut through in the centre to the former Sunday-school room, and that is now the main floor, while the sides of the floor above form galleries for the church. There is a second gallery across the front end of the church. The seating capacity is nearly doubled, while the symmetry of the building is preserved. The church will now seat 1,500 persons. There will be more formal opening services next Sunday, when the Rev. Drs. James, M. King and John Rhey Thompson will preach.

A CHURCH CORNERSTONE LAID. The cornerstone of the new building of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheren Charch, which is to cost \$75,000. was laid with appropriate services yesterday afternoon, at Eushwick and Jefferson aves. The services were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. E. H. Sieker, H. C.

Luhr and A. E. Frey. The last-named has been pastor of the church for twenty years. It was an infant organization of two years when he took charge of the organization of two years when he took charge of the services at Jefferson and Evergreen aves. He established a school in connection with it and a year ago a handsome schoolhouse of brick and Nova Scotia stone was erected adjoining the site of the church, at a cost of \$25,000. It will accommedate 1,000 children. The new church will be built of the same material and will be 62 by 101 feet, and will have a spire about 125 feet high. A parsonage will adjoin it in Jefferson-ave. The entire property will represent an expenditure of \$150,000 when the church is complete.

A HIGHWAYMAN ARRESTED.

Detectives Weiser and Brudy, of the Thirteenth Pre cinct, yesterday arrested Livingston Sickles, a wellnown colored thief, on a charge of highway robbery. Early on Saturday morning Sickles waylaid and assaulted Charles O'Melia, of No. 238 Franklin-ave He then took O'Melia's gold watch and \$14 in money The robbery was committed at the point of a pistol. The detectives found sickles in a house in Baxter-st. and when he was placed under arrest he drew his revolver and was in the act of pulling the trigger when the weapon was knocked from his hand. When he was taken before O'Melia the latter identified his assailant.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Professor Rossiter W. Raymond, who has just reurned from a visit to Egypt, will give two lectures in Plymouth Church on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday of next week, April 20 and 21, the subjects of which will be "Cairo and the Nile" and "The Redemption of Egypt." Stereopticon views will illustrate

the police force attached to the Central office, will take place to-morrow morning at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo, in Sidney Place. He was unmarried, and his nearest relatives are three brothers. His home was at No. 2111-2 Bergen-st. Detective Lowery was on the police force for seventeen years, and was one of the best-known men in his department, and had many firm friends.

More than a dozen Methodist Episcopal pastors becourse, the crumoning wants of which are passes Old the fraveller as he passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be pointed out to the traveller as he passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be passes Old the General Convention meets and which may be passes Old the General Convention meets and song on Monday evening, because that was gan their work yesterday in new pulpits, as the result of the appointments made by Bishop Foss at the an Wilson, in Simpson Church; Dr. W. W. Bowdish, in Embury; Dr. R. S. Pardington, in First Place; W. D. Thompson, in Central; F. B. Upham, in Carroll Park; Crandall I. North, in Flect Street; J. H. Lightbourn, in Fourth Avenue; Gustav Laass, in St. Paul's; J. B. Merwin, in Cook Street; C. S. Williams, in Francis; Thomas Stephenson, in Leonard Street; N. Hubbell, in Powers Street; and Robert Wasson, in St. Luke's.

F. Edwin Elwell will lecture before the Rembrands Club of Brooklyn to-night on the "Contrast Between the Greek and Modern Schools of Sculpture." The lecture will be at the house of John S. James, No. Pierrepont-st.

In a quarrel early last evening between Frederick Maringer, of No. 147 Devoe-st., Williamsburg, and August Richter, both boys nine years old, Richter seized a stone and struck Maringer on the head, and the blow inflicted a compound fracture of the skull. The attending physicians say the boy cannot live.

Edwin Becker, a Brooklyn newspaper man, was attacked last night in Knickerbocker-ave, by a large dog, which bit him severely on the right hand. wound was canterized by physicians at the Eastern Hospital. His clothes were also torn in his struggle

The Rev. Sam Shall, president of Utah University, will lecture upon "The American Maffa" in the Memerial Methodist Church, at Clark and Henry sts., on

"The Moral Aspects of the Bridge Onferring to the projects for connecting the Eastern Dis-trict with New-York by a new bridge, were discussed by Dr. A. Stewart Walsh, Rufus L. Scott and the Rev. S. Giffard Nelson in Trinity Eaptist Church last

The April meeting of the Bridge Trustees will be held this afternoon.

The Republican General Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Criterion Theatre tomorrow night.

At the spring meeting of the New-York and Brooklyn Congregational Association in the Park Church to-morrow the Rev. S. W. Butler and the Rev. C. H. Tyndall will discuss in the afternoon the topic, Sunday-Evening Meeting: How to Make It Successful." In the evening Dr. Parkhurst, of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church in New-York, will deliver a

lecture upon "The Evolution of Scuipture" in the Second Unitarian Church last evening, before members of the Brooklyn Ethical Association. The subject discussed by P. Edwin Elwell and others.

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A meeting was held in the basement of the Congregational Church, in Eleventhet, between Second and Third axes. Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the Welsh Order of American Ivorites, a secret benefit society affilisted with a similar order in Wales, and having lodges in New-York, Vermint, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Colorado. Twenty-six persons gave their names as charter members. D. P. Thomas, of Scranton, Penn., secretary of the Grand Lodge, and Benjamin F. Lewis, of Utica, N. Y., a past president of the Grand Lodge, organized these twenty-six persons as Glyndeor Lodge, No. 54, and gave them the bittatory degree. The sodiety then elected John F. Evans president, Edward Morris vice-president, Owen E. Jones recording and corresponding secpresident, Owen E. Jones recording and corresponding sec-retary, and Ellis Owen financial secretary. The rest of the officers will be elected at the next meeting, two weeks city on the second Tuesday in May. The Welsh people of the city are manifesting considerable interest in the effort to establish this society in the various Welsh-American communities.

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NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

THE COMING CHARTER ELECTION. The annual charter election in Jersey City will be held to-morrow. A very important officer, who is called Alderman-at-Large, is to be chosen. This officer presides over the meetings of the Board of Aldermen, and is also, ex officio, a member of the Board of Finance. This latter board has a large control over the annual appropriations allowed the several departments of the City Government. It is important to the powerful ring which is engaged in sucking the life blood out of the public treasury that every member of the Board of Finance shall be under its absolute control. Mr. Allen a submissive tool of the bosses. He will, if elected, conduct his office according to the dictation of the ring. To represent the people, the taxpayers and independent citizens, the Republicans have nominated Dominicus Wegman, a man of high standing in the community, a first-class business man, and one whose election will be of great advantage to the taxpayers and to those who believe in an honest administration of municipal affairs. It is generally conceded that Mr. Wegman will be elected if the Republicans cast their full vote. So many inde-pendent citizens and Democrats have become disgusted with the rapacity of the present officeholders, and have determined to vote for Mr. Wegman, that with the full Republican vote he will receive such a large majority that the rascally ring election officers will be unable to count him out. The Alderman-st-Large is also a very important efficer, for man-at-Large is also a very important effect, for the reason that he becomes Mayor of the city in case the person who may have been elected Mayor is unable to alt. As his term of office lasts two years, and the Republicans expect to elect a Republican Mayor next year, they should secure the position of the office next in line by electing Mr. Wegman this spring. As his election depends upon the total vote of the city, those Republicans who live in Democratic districts, as well as those in Republican districts, should make it their especial duty on Tuesday to go to the polls and cast their votes for the candidates on the Republican ticket.

ORANGE.

Mayor Henry H. Truman finds time from his numer ous and complex duties to do much good in a quiet and unostentatious way. He is an earnest worker in the Young Men's Christian Association and he has just made arrangements to exhibit a series of sixty stereopticon views, illustrative of the life of Christ, in Association Hall, New-York, on Mohday, Thursday and Saturday evenings of this week. The exhibitions are for young men only, and the Gospel narrative will be read while the views are being shown by the general secretary, Harold W. Buchanan.

A ten for the benefit of the House of the Good Shepberd will be given in the chapel of Christ Church, East Orange, this afternoon and evening from 4 to 10 o'clock. Mrs. Julius A. Boylan, Mrs. John N. Solomons and Miss Alice Pierson will receive.

The Rev. Bishop Falkner, rector of St. Mark's Church,

has received a call to Christ Church Parish, Eay Ridge, L. I. Mr. Falkner, while he has not yet reached a decision, is understood to be considering the call favor-

The outcome of the reception given to Governor Abbett here a short time ago was the appointment of a committee of thirty-five to take into consideration a committee of thirty-five to take into consideration the advisability of forming a Jeffersonian Democratic club in the Oranges. The committee met en Saturday night in the officers' room of the armory of the 3d Pabtalion. Thirty members were present. Temporary officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. Carl Buttner: secretary, Sewell B. Woodworth: transmer, George Spottiswoode. Committees were also appointed. It is not thought that the new club will have a long lease of life as a Democratic club, but that it will speedily resolve itself into a factional organization,

NEWARK.

AN OLD MAN LOSES HIS WIFE AND DROWNS HIM-

SELF.
The engineer of a westbound train on the Pennand saw a body lying on the meadows between the Passale and Hackensack meadows yesterday afternoon, and reported the fact to the station master, McCosland, of Market-st. station here. An officer and McCosland went to the body, which was 100 feet from the track. It lay face downward, and was that of a respectable-looking man of about sixtyfive, with smooth-shaven face and wearing dark cutaway coat, soft felt hat, and striped trousers. Later the man was identified as Walter Walsh, an old resident of Harrison, and living at No. 209 South-thirdst. He had been demented since his wife died six weeks ago, and leaves an only daughter, married, in Connecticut. He lived with the latter until Saturday, when she brought him back to Newark, as he threatened to walk back unless allowed to come. The county physician says that death resulted from drowning The ground around was soggy and the body was in about three inches deep of water.

The Jeffersonian Club, a social Democratic organas Jefferson to-night at their clubhouse with speeches by Congressman T. D. English and others.

The strike of the Clark O. N. T. spinners at Kearny entered on its fifth month last Wednesday. Senator Howard, of Fell River, and Secretary Authory Moore, of the National Spinners' Association, will visit Newark to-day to call upon the managers of the Clark Mills and make another effort to settle the strike. The Rev. Dr. Spellmeyer, of East Orange, will suc-

ceed the Rev. Dr. Iglehart as paster of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in another year, as his term at the former church is not yet expired. Substitutes will be provided for the latter church. The Rev. M. J. White, who established St. Bridgot's

The Rev. M. J. White, who established St. Bridgqt's Roman Catholic Church at Newark about three years ago, has purchased a site for a new building. His mission has proved successful.

An effort will be made by the Newark Rapid Transit Company to extend its line to East Orange and in other directions.

Daniel McGuire, a hackman employed by the Standard Cab Company, was stabled by an unknown Italian and Cab Company, was stabled by an unknown Italian early yesterday morning, while he was on his way home. His assailant escaped and MoGuire was sent to st. Barnabas Hospital.

Pasquale Gross, Samuel Campuro and Michael Ramaces, are held at Newark as witnesses against Ramaces, are held at Newark as witnesses against James Berrato, son-in-law of Gross, who is accused of stebbing the three men late on Saturday night in ah Italian light in Gross's house.

There is trouble in the First Presbyterian Church in this town on account of the organist and the members of the choir resigning. The organist was Miss Annie Haff, and the members of the choir were the Misses Annie and Sarah Quackenhush and their brothers Delevan and Albert. Miss Haff, the organist, and the choir had a disagreement some weeks ago. The organist found fault with the Quackenbush family, while the latter freely criticised the musical efforts of Miss Haff. I latter freely criticised the musical efforts of Miss Haff.
It was purely a woman's quarrel, and as neither side
would give in, both the organist and the choir decided
to offer their resignations. The Quarrel, but haturally
did not take an active part in the quarrel, but haturally
sided with their sisters. The resignations went into
effect yesterday, when Mrs. John Ackerman played the
organ in place of Miss Haff. There was no choir.

ELIZABETH.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walton, of Price's Lane here, are very low with the "grip." Mr. Walton is eighty-six years old and the oldest living employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, having been for fifty-two years in its service, when he was honorably pensioned by the ompany. He was section foreman at this city forty years. His wife is seventy-four years old.

Dahlgren Post, G. A. R., will celebrate the an versary of the founding of the Grand Army w a camp-fire and dinner to-morrow night at Luttge Hall.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

A MINISTER'S HOUSE ROBBED.

While the Rev. Mr. Van Buskirk, pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Gravesend, was conducting services yesterday morning in that church, a strange man called at the parsonage and told the servant that he desired to see Mrs. Van Buskirk on urgent business. The minister's wife had gone to church with her husband. The servant invited the stranger into the Rev. Mr. Van Buskirk's study, and told him that if he would wait there a few minutes she would run to the church and tell Mrs. Van Buskirk. While the girl was away, the stranger, who proved to be a daring sneak-thief,

drawers on the floor, and forced open trunks and closets. They even broke open a value belonging to They packed up considerable property, and then escaped, carrying away with them a quantity of silver-ware, two gold watches, a sum of money and several articles of clothing. After leaving the parsonage they tried to hire a wagon to convey them to Brooklyn, tried to hire a wagon to convey them to Brooklyn, but did not succeed. When the servant arrived at the church she told Mrs. Van Buskirk of her errand, but as it was near the close of the service, the minister's wife concluded to wait and go home with her husband. When they arrived at the parsonace, they discovered bloody fingermarks on the front door. It is supposed from this that one of the thieves injured himself in some way while raisacking the house. Chief of Police John Y. McKane has two of his detectives on the case.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.-The Rev. Dr. Lewis R. Streeter, the newly assigned minister to the Methodist Episcope Church, preached his first sermon in the church yes-There was a large congregation. completed five years of continuous service in the First Methodist Church at Bridgeport, Conn., and on the evening before his connection with that church was severed by constitutional limitation a reception was given to him and his wife, which was attended by about 600 of his parishioners. He at that time received a handsome open-faced gold watch, and to Mrs. Streeter was given a gold-lined silver tea service. Previous to was given a gold-lined silver ten service. Previous to
the reception, the board of trustees held a meeting, at
which resolutions complimentary to Dr. Streeter were
adopted. The Rev. Dr. Ichabod Simmons, for three
years pastor of the Methodist Church here, has gone te
a large parish in Danbury.

WHITE PLAINS.—The Rev. William Tole, the new
rector of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, but lately
an assistant at St. Leo's, New-York City, officiated for
the first time yesterday in St. John's.

BANKER AND EVANGELIST.

THE DOUBLE WORK OF GEORGE D. MAC

HOPE CHAPEL CROWDED BY THOSE DESIRING TO HEAR THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE READINGS.

The Bible Conference at Northfield last summer was opened with a Bible reading, illustrated by a stereopticon, conducted by George D. Mackay, a New-York banker, and the Rev. John Kershaw, a Brooklyn pastor. The large andience seemed greatly pleased with the evident earnestness of the evangelists and their apparent desire to avoid all sensationalism. The pictures heed during the evening were recognized by many as faithful reproductions of the masterpieces of sacred art, illustrating the earthly life of the Savieur. During the winter the Bible readings, which occupy ten evenings in their delivery, have been given in several churches in New-York and Brooklyn, with gratifying results in every case, judging by the appreciative words of the pastors; at one church about 200 persons professed conversion during the two weeks.

Mr. Mackay was born in Brooklyn in 1854, and entered the banking house of Vermilye & Co. at the age of fifteen, working his way up until he became a mem-ber of the firm. Tils wife, who accompanies him in his evangelistic work, is a daughter of A. S. Barnes, the well-known publisher. Mr. Kershaw is the paster of the Atlantic Avenue Chapel of Brooklyn, connected with the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church. Another faithful helper in the meetings is Miss Mary E. Fox, formerly of Oakland, Cal., who was converted at the meetings held there by Moody and Stebblins. She the Deliver Prescription Church. sings at present in the Phillips Presbyterian Church, but after May 1 her rich alto voice will be heard in the quartet that is to assist Dr. Burrell in building up

the Collegiate Church in Fifth-ave. The Bible readings were begun last week in Hope Chapel, in East Fourth-st., a branch of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and will be continued there through this week, the service of song beginning at 7:45 p. m., but at that hour it is almost impossible to obtain a seat. The Bible reading occupies a little more than half an hour, and at its close, while the beautiful picture, "Christ or Diana," or one represent-ing the Rock of Ages, is on the screen, Miss Fox, unannounced, sings in the darkness "Some One Will Enter the Pearly Gate" or "Nearer the Cross," producing an the Pearly Gate" or "Nearer the Cross," producing an effect not possible by the most earnest words of exhortation. At the second meeting an opportunity is given for those who wish to sign a simple confession of faith to do so. Mr. Nackay has already obtained 350 stereopticon views and is constantly adding to his store. His purpose is to obtain a view illustrating every recorded incident in the Saviour's life and photographs of all the places visited by Him that are mentioned in the New Testament.

THEY DID NOT KNOW THEIR FATHER.

Among the steerage passengers that landed from the Etruria yesterday were three buxom, sturdy English children. They were John, James and Mary Britton aged respectively thirteen, twelve and ten years. Matron Stucklin, at the Barge Office, looked after them till their father arrived. He is John Britton, who years ago left England and went out to Albu, querque, New-Mexico, where he has prospered. Mary was born after he left England. The matron soon into the large waiting room, expecting that instinct would direct them to their father. The traditional story did not, however, hold good, as they paid no attention whatever to what seemed to them a the first attention whatever to what seemed to them a the father had made himself known to the they were three wondering, inquisitive faces the up into his as he idseed them. The mother children was detained in England, owing to but is expected to follow in a short time.

SHE SCALDED HER BRUTAL HUSBAND.

Mary Mulhearn, aged twenty five- was arraigned fore Justice Divver at the Yorkville Police Court yesterday, to await the result of the injuries she had inflicted upon her husband, Anthony, who is in the Roosevelt Hospital. The husband has been in the habit of getting drunk, and when ir that con-dition his wife received had treatment at his hands. On Saturday night he went on one of his customary "sprees" and he broke in the door of his wife's aparaments carly yesterday morning. The first thing he did was to blacken her eyes. Then she took a kettle of bolling water and poured it over his head. It is believed that he will lose his eyesight. She and her child were locked up in Yorkville Prison.

AN INSANE IMMIGRANT DETAINED.

Thomas Neary, an Irishman, was among the steerage passengers of the steamship Etruria, that arrived here yesterday. He was detained at the Barge Office as he was found to be suffering from consumption, and also insane, being fearful that men of the Clan-na-Guel were after him for the purpose of killing him. He was sent back at once to the Etruria, the Cunard Company being told that they must take charge of him.

TOWING A DISABLED STEAMSHIP.

The American steamship Venezuela arrived here yes terday, having in tow the disabled British steamship Tancarville. The Tancarville left Carthagena, Spain, on March 12, and was bound for Philadelphia with iron ore. On April 3, during heavy weather, the high-pressure cylinder broke, and on April 7 the lowpressure cylinder also broke, and the vessel was drifting about for three days, when she was picked up by the Venezuela off Cape Hatteras and towed into this port. The Tancarville had her rails and bulwarks carried away and all her deck fixtures badly damaged.

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 12 (Special).—If the Government April condition on winter wheat, 96.9, is maintained up to harvest, and if the Government increases the winter wheat acreage, as the various State authorities do, about 1,500,000 acres, the winter wheat crop this year will be just about 100,000,000 bushels larger. do, about 1,500,000 acres, the winter wheat crop this year will be just about 100,000,000 bushels larger than last year's was. This was the popular way of figuring the Government report yesterday, yet the figures made no impression on the market. Instead of declining, prices advanced nearly a cent, and closed aimost at the top. May sold from \$1 03 3-4 to \$1043-8.4 and closed at \$1 045-8.81 043-4. July sold from \$1 021-2 to \$1 03 3-8, and closed at \$1 03 1-8. The trade was still under the speil of the foreign news, there were large four clearances from the four ports; and there was some additional export business. The weather in the Northwest was still wintry—naquestionably an influence on the market, There was a sharp demand for sample corn yesterday. It was sufficient to keep futures iractionally over Friday. May opened at 67 1-4 and closed at 67 5-8; July opened at 64 1-4 and closed at 67 5-8; July opened at 64 1-4 and closed at 64 5-8. The receipts continue moderate; the weather too wet for any improxement either in the maximum of the grailing. Oats were also fractionally higher, May opened in a 54, and closing at 54 5-8. There is increasing telk of a decreased acreage and a delayed harvest. Hogs were in good supply at the yards, and were lower; but they continue a good dead above product. The speculative trade yesterday was small. July pork sold from \$12.90 to \$13 00, and closed at \$12.97. July July ribs sold from \$6.47 to \$6.50, and closed at \$6.50.

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